

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, which were all of the claims pending in the application, have been cancelled. New claims 11-20 are now presented for examination. Claims 11 and 20 are independent. Favorable review is respectfully requested.

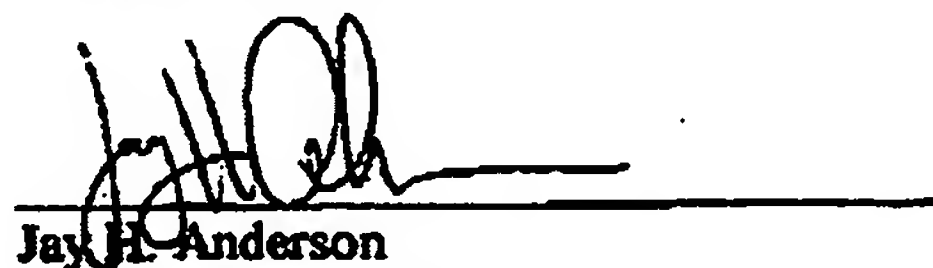
This application was filed electronically on July 31, 2003. A number of editorial errors were introduced into original claims 1-10 during the filing process, specifically as a result of automated transcription from the version composed by the undersigned attorney to a version transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office.

New claims 11-20 are intended to replace original claims 1-10 respectively. This amendment is made in the interest of readability of the claims. No change in the scope of the claims is intended.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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